

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3, as follows:

In the preferred mode of the invention, if an interval between an inner wall of the porcelain insulator and the side wall of the center electrode is defined as  $d$ , and a circle is defined which has a center on an inside corner of the tip of the porcelain insulator facing the center electrode and a radius  $R$  defined on a plane including a longitudinal center line of the spark plug, the ~~interval  $d$~~  radius  $R$  is preferably the ~~radius  $R$~~  interval  $d$  plus  $1\text{mm}$   $0.1\text{mm}$ , and the wear resisting member is preferably lean at least inside the circle.